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In re Application of:)
Xavier BLIN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1618
Application No.: 10/528,835) Examiner: Eric E. SILVERMAN
§371 (c) Date: October 4, 2005) Confirmation No.: 3743
For: COMPOSITION COMPRISING A)
SEQUENCED POLYMER AND A)
GELLING AGENT)
) VIA EFS WEB

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the enclosed IDS Form PTO/SB/08. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p)].

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Copies of the U.S. patents, patent application publications, co-pending applications and respective office actions are not enclosed as they are available on the Imaged File Wrapper of PAIR.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held in *Dayco Products, Inc. v. Total Containment, Inc.*, 329 F.3d 1358, 66 U.S.P.Q.2d 1801 (Fed. Cir. 2003), that an “adverse decision” by another examiner may meet the materiality standard under the amended Rule 56, and thus, Applicants should disclose prior rejections of “substantially similar claim[s]” to the Office. See also M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b). Accordingly, although Applicants are not representing that the Office Actions in the co-pending applications are material to the present application and are not admitting that any of the other claims are substantially similar, out of an abundance of caution, Applicants have listed the substantive Office Actions in co-pending applications on the attached form.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a statement regarding the non-English language documents:

1. EP 1 366 746: This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 7,176,170, cited on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08.
2. JP 2000-83728: This document is believed to be related to European Patent No. 1 018 311, cited on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08.
3. JP 2003-40336: An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language abstract submitted herewith.

4. **WO 03/046033**: This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2005/0020779 A1, cited on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document(s) do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 06-0916.

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